



Paid Family and Medical Leave Letter to the Editor Template

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Dear Editor,

With respect to the article “**TITLE**”, ensuring that all workers in **STATE** have access to paid family and medical leave would set children and families up to thrive.

(Customize this paragraph with your personal connection to paid leave.) When I had my son, I was fortunate to work at a company that provided three months of paid leave. That time was crucial to forging a bond with him and helping me recover from childbirth. When I went back to the office, I felt valued, supported and inspired to work hard.

Research backs up my experience: paid family and medical leave policies may help improve the health of families, reduce food insecurity, boost business and employee retention, allow more women to reenter the workforce and decrease families’ reliance on public assistance programs.

The U.S. is one of the only countries in the world that does not guarantee paid family and medical leave, leaving too many workers forced to sacrifice their savings or their jobs when they need time off to bond with a new child or care for themselves or their families. Paid family and medical leave protects people during these critical life moments. We must act now to ensure the next generation of children grows into healthy adults by passing a paid leave policy in **STATE**.

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